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NOBILITY

True worth is in being, not seeming;
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good -- not in dreaming
Of great things to do by and by;
For whatever men say in their blindness,
And in spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure;
We cannot do wrong and feel right;
Nor can we give pain and gain pleasure,
For justice avenges each slight.
The air for the wing of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and wren,
But always the path that is narrow
And straight for the children of men.

Through envy, through malice, through hating,
Against the world early and late,
No jot of our courage abating,
Our part is to work and to wait.
And slight is the sting of his trouble
Whose winnings are less than his worth;
For he who is honest is noble,
Whatever his fortunes or birth.

Alice Cary.

A BROAD OUTLOOK

The largest and most comprehensive natures are generally the most cheerful, the most loving, the most hopeful, the most trusting. It is the wise man of large vision who is the quickest to discern the moral sunshine gleaming through the darkest cloud.

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"HAVE AN AIM"

Experience has taught us the fact that most of our failures in life are the result of not having had, and kept before us a clear and worthy Aim.

It also shows that very few people can or will formulate an aim for their guidance even of the common things of life, unless driven by existing necessities to do so.

True, we may often speak of our Aim but in such a manner that it manifestly lacks vitality, or we would sit down and reason with ourselves and decide what is really required to provide the joy and progress which our natures so earnestly cry for.

An Aim, to become a vital part of our life,must have an objective with a powerful attraction, offering to us a reward in some way, some where, some time, and for which we are willing to give our best efforts and our all if necessary to obtain.

When our Aim is bereft of the promise of ultimate reward, and of such a nature that it is to be greatly coveted, it will lack the element which binds our attention or demand our constant obedience until it is obtained.

The Saviour made this thought very clear in the two parables: The hidden treasure, Matthew 13:44-47: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

When our Aim does not hold out to us a reward exceeding more than the worth of all we possess, it cannot hold our attention, it cannot keep alive our interest; in other words: Its magnetic attraction lacks the power to hold us or to force its demands of obedience from us until it has been obtained.

Sometimes we may confuse a wish or a desire to enjoy something with that of having an Aim. A wish may be conceived in the mind for a given thing; a desire will be created as the conception of its worth grows, until the wish, or desire, has grown into an eagerness for it, and yet an Aim may not as yet have been determined.

An Aim is the result of mental portraits and conclusions, the clearness of which, will greatly influence the effort put forth to obtain the Aim.

The Aim of the Latter-day Saint Elders is to go among the people portraying by word and act the tremendous worth to them of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which promises as a reward: the great boon of eternal life, and all that can be con-

ceived by the mind therewith, in eternal progression.

This great reward demands first place; it demands absolute subjection of every appetite or desire for its accomplishment, whether it be wealth or earthly fame. Its demands are all summed up in a sentence "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, might and strength, and thy neighbour as thy self", and in return it gives a fulness of every other enduring joy and blessing.

Let us examine a few of the things which often rob us of a clear vision of this one great prize open to the whole human race, yet so frequently disregarded.

God the Author of eternal life, has given man laws upon which every blessing is predicated; they are given for the joy and eternal progress of man. As each law is learned and obeyed in righteous contemplation and anticipation of the blessing promised -- so is it given.

Yet, with it all -- man is very easily deceived by the opponent of God's eternal purposes who endeavours to make us satisfied with such blessings as afford pleasure to the five known nervous senses, and encourages neglect for the power and joy which comes as an eternal inheritance for all who will place themselves in harmony for knowledge and direction, imparted by the Holy Ghost.

God has not made it possible for man to see in clearness the full objective for which he asks our Aim: for eye has not seen nor ear heard the things which God has prepared for those who will endure to the end, but He has revealed it unto those who obey him.

Let us be more humble in our attitude; we are unworthy of the least of God's blessings.

Seek first to know your own unworthiness as an Aim; then seek a forgiveness, a remission of your sins as a second Aim by repentance and baptism through the holy offices and authority of the Priesthood, which He has conferred upon his servants; then seek for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as your third Aim, and by this means you will grow and be able to rejoice in the Gospel which has in it: the all embracing Aim, "The Gift of Eternal Life", but its value and what it costs and all it will mean to you you may never fully comprehend until you are imbued with the same knowledge which God possesses, which caused him to submit to a plan when His only Begotten offered to suffer beyond the comprehension of mortal man, that he might again regain his exaltation in his Father's Kingdom.

Endeavour to establish an Aim which has for its objective the Gift of Eternal Life, and then you will have greater power to resist temptation, and refuse to divert from it to please every whim of passing pleasure, and be able to say with Paul to the Philippians: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Phil. 3:7-8.

Do not hesitate to give unto the Lord that which he has asked

of you, if you do, it will continue to damn the passage of a much greater blessing which He offers you.

Do not shut up the avenue of a fuller and greater knowledge of these great and glorious truths by entertaining in your heart and mind uncharitable prejudices.

Do not damn back greater blessings through timidity in obeying those which you know to be true.

Establish your Aim to obtain God's Gift, and never yield a point at any cost.

Samuel Martin.

"HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM AND THE MAN THAT GETTETH UNDERSTANDING." Pro. 3:13.

In this text we are told that happiness lies in understanding; therefore, seeing that it is the privilege of the Saints to partake of the blessings which come through obedience to the Gospel, it should be the desire of all to seek after this happiness which only comes through understanding.

What is meant by understanding? and how are we to obtain it? A man may be highly interlectual, and spend all his days studying the scriptures, and may be able to quote them from memory, but if he lacks understanding he will not receive the benefits therefrom. He must have the spiritual understanding : "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." 1 Cor. 2:11-12.

From this passage we see that it is necessary to receive the spirit of God by the laying on of hands by those in authority before we can obtain understanding, for the things of God are only understood by the aid of His spirit. Therefore we must be born again before we can receive the spirit of God in its full measure. We must bury the spirit of man in the waters of baptism and then receive the spirit of God through his Holy Priesthood by the laying on of hands.

We have the promise that this spirit will guide us to all truth. If we have been obedient to the first principles of the Gospel and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands, it is then our privilege to receive spiritual guidance. If we have not a clear understanding of any of the Gospel's principles, we should make every effort to examine ourselves with the assistance of the spirit to ascertain why.

Remember that the Lord will reveal the principles of the Gospel to you -- line upon line, and precept upon precept, and if you

wish to receive further light or understanding so as to partake of further blessings, you must be obedient to each and every law as it is revealed to you.

It is quite a common error with many, when reading the scriptures to treat lightly any statement made by the Saviour, these sayings are merely read without seeking the full understanding. There are some wonderful truths in every one of the sayings of the Saviour, and if we are not impressed by them when reading we should seek understanding through the spirit for the knowledge we require.

From the foregoing it is obvious that obedience is the source of all knowledge and if we are obedient to fulfil all that has been revealed to us we shall not be lacking in understanding.

-- Bro. Lawrence C. Ratcliff
Karibib, South West Africa.

"TITHES AND OFFERINGS"

Much interest is at present manifest in the matter of tithing in the different religious and Christian sects of the day, and be it known that Tithing is not specifically a Christian institution as belonging exclusively to the Gospel requirement. It was rigidly enforced while the people lived under the Law, and moreover, heathen nations have recognized it. The tithe was collected in Egypt; the Greeks, Romans, Babylonians, Assyrians, and the Chinese have all recognized the sanctity of the tithe.

I say the people of the world, the Christian world, are awakening today to the fact that the great law of Tithe has been neglected amongst them.

"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Genesis 4:3-7.

Thus appears the significant fact that not only the gift but the giver, not only the tithe but the tithe-payer must be acceptable to the Lord, else the offering may be rejected.

In Hebrews 7:1,2, we read that Melchisedec and Abraham were very strict in paying their exact tithes. (One tenth of all)

Let us think for a moment -- all that we are, all that we possess we owe to God our Eternal Father; yet he asks only one tenth of our earnings to further his work along in these the last days.

Let us grow and advance as God would have us -- by living the

laws of God and receiving of his promised blessings.

I pray the blessings of God upon us all, that we may be united as God's children to help him in his great and glorious work.

Oral N. Beckstead
District President, Natal.

"THE VALUE OF A TESTIMONY"

I have thought considerably of the value of a testimony and I have come to the conclusion that a testimony cannot be priced, and that it is to be placed first in our lives as sons and daughters of God; and especially so in the lives of those who have been divinely called and chosen, as we have been, to declare the message of life and salvation unto the inhabitants of the earth. Its value surpasses our temporal conception.

A testimony, I am sure, can be compared to many physical forces. Although we cannot perhaps describe exactly what a testimony is, we see its results and know of its power, and it leaves us, if we are willing to open our hearts to it, without any doubt whatsoever as to its genuineness. We behold daily, forces of nature which the intelligence of man cannot fathom, but which at the same time have a tremendous bearing upon our lives physically. Is it then unreasonable to think that just as these forces bringing to bear upon the whole universe the results and manifestations of their power, that there may be also some comparable force coming from God, which imbeds itself into the very souls of men and there brings about these marvelous transformations? I don't believe so and I don't believe any man can receive a testimony without under-going a transformation to be marvelled at.

The transformations and manifestations are found replete in the scriptures, but to me one case seems to be outstanding and that is the case of the Apostle Paul.

Paul was a very ardent persecutor of the Christians, and up until he received his visitation from Christ, did all in his power to destroy them. But note the change, the transformation that came over him after having received the visitation and the testimony of Jesus Christ. He was changed; his whole life under-went a transformation by some power that was born within him.

When we as missionaries stand up in humbleness and proclaim the testimonies within us, do we not give expression to a force, a power which has been operative within the structure of our lives? and is it not that force that in some way is transfused from us to others, who are sincerely seeking the word of God and in their lives also works miracles? I am satisfied in my own heart that it is not what we say, nor the beautiful discription that we might draw of the Gospel plan that strikes the hearts of the people and works the

miracles; But on the other hand is the same essence which in some undescribable manner is transfused from us to them, and there works the marvelous transformations which we witness.

Notice the man that has been very inactive in the church and has apparently fallen away, when confronted with the problem of defending the church. What is it that makes him stand up and fearlessly say: "After all, I know the Gospel is true"? I am of the mind that there has been some thing ingrained within him and has become a living part of his very make-up which enables him to do it. I believe that it is just as real as the hundreds of physical forces operating about us daily.

One writer of authority has drawn the analogy of this power we call testimony, to that of an antitoxin which science has discovered will procure immunity from diseases. A few years ago the world would have doubted that there were ways of warding off the dreaded diseases such as Small-Pox, Typhoid Fever, etc. To-day these are scientific and accepted facts. Just the mere injection of a certain serum into the blood will prevent contagion. This simple truth has saved the lives of thousands. Now, says the writer, is there not something akin to this in the form of testimony that is injected into the very blood of man which wards off the disease of sin and makes man immune to those microbes that come from the hand of Satan?

I do not know that this analogy or comparison is entirely proper, but it has been drawn by a man of repute, and Apostle of Jesus Christ, and it sounds right to me. Carrying this analogy even farther, we learn that certain people or certain bloods take this serum much quicker and more easily than others. This also applies to testimony. A particular race of people or bloodstain, known as the "Children of Israel" are far more susceptible to the Gospel than other strains, and thus gives further proof or evidence of the reality or truthfulness of testimony.

In dealing with this subject, the question arises: how can a person obtain a testimony? There is only one answer: a testimony can come in only one way and that is God's way, not man's. No man can impart it to someone else. Every man must gain it for himself, and when it comes, it comes as a gift of God through revelation. This is made very clear to us in Christ's words to Peter as is recorded in the 16th Chapter of Matthew; He said in speaking to His disciples: "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

It was in this manner, through divine revelation, that Peter learned who Christ was, and it is through, and only through these same means that men and women in this dispensation know and receive

a testimony of this kind. The means or conditions by which we may receive this gift or revelation is given us by Christ in the following words: "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any mar will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of Goc or whether I speak of myself." This promise is unto us to-day and tc all who will exercise faith in God our Eternal Father. However, even though this testimony is a gift of God it comes not without great effort on the part of every individual, and just as it necessitates effort to receive it, so must a constant effort, full of faith and right living, be put forth to retain it and have it grow and develop into an eternal saving power.

My brethren, I feel these things are true, and I thank God for the testimony that comprises such a joy, such a part of my life. I know that Christ lives and that "Mormonism", so branded, is the divine plan of life and salvation.

May God grant us, as a body of His servants, a testimony that may be felt for its power throughout this great Union of South Afric and always give us strength to proclaim it fearlessly and with courage to every son and daughter of God.

Elder Paul A. Thorn.

(The above address was given in the Elders Convention 1926.)

"BOOK OF MORMON SALES"

We have received many reports of late and we find that great work is being done amongst the Missionaries and Saints in distributing the Book of Mormon in other Missions.

An extract from the report of the Oregon District, Northwester States Mission, reads as follows:

"Prest. William R. Sloan came into this Mission at the first c the year and put forth a program that featured the distribution of Books of Mormon by missionaries. It was a new idea to them and some wondered about it, even doubted its being a good method for doing missionary work.

"Now, after more than ten months of loaning and selling Books of Mormon, we are seeing that our president had foresight when he projected the policy. By October 31, a total of 16,792 Books of Mormon had been distributed so far this year in this Mission. In just four weeks, in September, 4,944 copies were placed into the hands of the people of the Northwest. The saints living in this section joine in with us and in that month sold 1,859 copies.

"The nineteen missionaries working in Oregon district have put their energy into the movement, the majority of them working right Portland. Of the 3,085 copies of this American volume of scripture put out in September by the seventy-four missionaries in this Missic 1,463 of them were placed by our Oregon group.

"Nor has our work been centered on this single phase of the work to the neglect of other things. Reports show all other activities have gone forward at a very marked rate of increase. Stressing the circulation of Books of Mormon has opened a vast field. The call for more 'reapers' has been sounded for years, so often that we are prone to hear it only in a passive way, but it may well be sounded now for this district with real earnestness, for an immense work has been and is being opened up. Calls are pouring in far more rapidly than we can meet them."

We feel that this report is very commendable and should prove as an incentive to greater distribution of this sacred record by those in the South African Mission.

We are pleased to state that for the first three months of this year we sold eighty-eight more Books of Mormon than we did for the same three months last year, and by the efforts of both Saints and missionaries -- our sales for the rest of the year should show a greater increase.

"A thousand Books of Mormon in a thousand new homes this year."

-- Theodore R. Martin.

TO HIS MEMORY

Joseph the Prophet, martyred saint and seer!
Thy name we love, thy memory we revere.
Chosen of Sire and Son, on them to gaze,
When dawned the glory of the Latter Days.

Mighty thy mission, servant of the Lord;
Thy word of power, a flaming two-edged sword,
Hath lit the beacon, and made plain the way
Of Him whose presence brings the Perfect Day.

Early the crimson setting of thy sun;
Yet timely 'twas, for thy great task was done.
Henceforth, in realms where joys celestial spring
Thou'lt reign eternally as Priest and King.

-- Orson F. Whitney.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our lives. --- Phillips Brooks.

"MISSION NEWS".

"Cumorah" Mowbray.

To the Elders, Saints and friends of the South African Mission, we send Gospel Greetings.

The work of the Lord in the Cape District is progressing, and we have every reason to rejoice.

In our labours we have been greatly blessed, and in the strength of the Lord we have been able to do our work.

Since the departure of Elders Thorn, Hutchings, and Jenson, we have been labouring under the handicap of a very small missionary force, but still we have prospered.

During the month we have started again our Relief Society work which this year is proving very successful under the able leadership of Sister Beatrice Julyan. The first Tuesday in February marked the re-opening of the Mutual work. 1928 bids fair of being a banner year in this line of activity. Our attendance has greatly increased over last year's, and our course of study is favourably commented upon.

During the month Bro. (Dr.) Wagner of Aliwal North was a Cape Town visitor. He came to the Cape to meet Sister Wagner who returned to Africa after a holiday visit to her home in Ireland.

On the 20th of February, Pres. and Sis. Martin entertained at a dinner party at "Cumorah" in honor of Sister Ruth Walsh and family.

In our last news-letter we failed to report a very pleasant Country trip. Elder Paul A. Thorn and Pres. Noel G. Knight visited the Saints and friends in Belleville, Strand, Somerset West, Van der Stel and Eerste River; we found that though removed from an organized branch the Saints as well as the friends were faithful in their studies and in their desire to serve the Lord.

-- District President Noel G. Knight.

"Ramah" Johannesburg.

Another month becomes history and we take great joy in reporting a very successful and profitable month's labours. The saints and friends are showing a keen interest in the work. We have been able to see a marked improvement in attendance at our Sunday Evening Services as compared with that of last month.

There has been a great deal of sickness among the saints but most are well and happy again.

Several good Cottage Meetings have been held during the month. By our Tracting, we have been able to open three new homes for visits.

During the month we held a baptismal service at which Bro. and Sis. Frederick Ninow were added to the fold of Christ together with their six children; two of the children being baptized and four blessed.

The Relief Society was re-opened on February 1st and the Sisters are anxious to see the work grow this coming year.

The Mutual Improvement Association has been organized and its opening night, on February 3rd, in the form of a concert proved very successful. Under the auspices of the Mutual a lecture was given in our hall by Dr. A. J. Milne who is the head of the Public Health Department of Johannesburg. His subject was "Public Health", and his instructions were very valuable to all.

We were favoured, during the month, with a visit from Bro. and Mrs. Slabbert of the Uitenhage Branch.

The usual monthly visit was made to Pretoria by Pres. Marion L. Allred and Elder Wells L. Evans; they had several good visits with the saints and friends.

Bro. Frederick Schimpers left for Rhodesia where he expects to stay for three months.

Our saints and friends send greetings to all.

- District Clerk Leroy H. Duncan.

Port Elizabeth District.

During the past month we have been greatly blessed and our labours have been a gratifying joy to us. Several good Cottage Meetings have been held which have brought strength and growth.

The fore part of the month we were visited by Elders Paul A. Thorn, Leo R. Jenson and Wm. Earl Hutchings who are enroute to their homes in Zion. A social was held in their honour February 2nd, and many came out to bid them a bon voyage.

The Relief Society re-opened February 1st. The sisters are all enthused in the work and anxious to make 1928 a successful year.

We regret to announce at this time the death of Geraldine Slabbert, infant daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Louis Slabbert. The funeral services were held in Uitenhage under the direction of Pres. Reed H. Beckstead on February 23rd. Elder Sheldon R. Free offered the grave-side prayer.

At present we are tracting North End and find it to be fairly successful.

We extend our best regards to all Elders, saints and friends.

- District Clerk S. R. Free.

Bloemfontein District.

This month, our time as been well occupied in visiting saints and friends and in tracting. Our meetings have been well attended. We have only had one Street Meeting this month on account of the rain which we have had this month.

We are glad to state that we have received the first fruits of our Street Meetings. Brother Karl H. A. W. Kuhlwein, who first heard the glorious message of the truth from one of the street meetings, was baptized on the 3rd of February just before he left for Pretoria On the 23rd of February, Sisters Kathleen Coleman, Jean Aline Coleman, Sylvia Coleman, and Mavis Rosalind Coleman were baptized; their little brother's baptism was postponed on account of illness, but we hope and pray that he will recover so that he may join his Sisters.

Sister L. C. Ratcliff and daughter Sister Norah Glynn arrived here on the 23rd of February from Karibib, South West Africa. They stayed until the 26th of the month, spending most of their time with Elder Bertram J. Glynn, Sister Ratcliff's son. They left for Durban on Sunday night the 26th of February on their way to Zion. We can say that we have appreciated their short visit to Bloemfontein and we wish them a very successful voyage.

-- District Clerk Bertram J. Glynn.

Kimberley District.

Our work is progressing slowly but surely, and we feel to thank our Heavenly Father for the growth and development we have received.

We have opened a new tracting field in Beaconsfield which we hope will be a fruitful one.

During the past month the Elders have had the privilege of visiting with three different parties of American tourists as they passed through Kimberley. We had a most enjoyable time, and it gave us an opportunity to explain our Mission work in South Africa in which they were keenly interested.

We are looking forward to President Martin's visit to our District and hoping that our Conference will be strengthening to our saints and friends as well as ourselves.

--District Clerk Charles W. Larson.

Natal District.

We feel grateful for the Lord's blessings unto us this month. The work in the Natal District is progressing and the Elders are very much encouraged over the past success and of the way the future looks.

Elders Paul A. Thorn, Wm. Earl Hutchings and Leo R. Jenson paid us an eight-day visit while on their way to Zion. During their stay here we were able to do much profitable visiting among the Saints and friends. They spent two days in Pietermaritzburg and while there visited one of Brother Arthur Fagan's friends.

We have been having good success in our tracting field and look for good returns in the future.

We are planning a trip to Pietermaritzburg in the near future where we intend visiting our friends and investigators, many of whom, Brother Fagan interested in the Gospel during his stay there.

- District Clerk Rex C. Ellsworth.

East London District.

We rejoice in the fact that this District can report another very busy and profitable month. The tracting field has brought forth many Gospel conversations, through which many are learning of the wonderful truths "Mormonism" has in store for them.

The Cottage Meetins held weekly at the home of Brother Charles H. Jubber are proving benefitial to all those who are attending.

We are always glad to get the "Cumorah Monthly Bulletin", and

the cheerful message which it bears; we extend our appreciation to the Editors of this good work.

- District Clerk Ray Wm. Ellsworth.

Karibib Branch.

Brother Lawrence C. Ratcliff writes that on the 11th of March he had the privilege of baptizing two more souls into the Fold of Christ. The candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Andries Cloete whom we now welcome into the Church as brother and sister. May they through their faithfulness receive the joy which we now feel by having made our covenants through the waters of baptism.

Brother Ratcliff has been doing much good in Karibib and though he is now alone we pray that he might continue to do so and that our Heavenly Father will bless him abundantly with His Spirit.

T R.M.

ARRIVALS and ASSIGNMENTS:

Elders Bertram C. Cutforth of Moreland, Idaho, and George C. Maw of Plain City, Utah, arrived in Cape Town on March 12th aboard the R.M.S. Kenilworth Castle. At the present time, Elder George C. Maw has been assigned to the Kimberley District, and Elder Bertram C. Cutforth to the Cape District.

We welcome these brethren to our Mission, and pray that they might find great joy in their labours.

We have received the news that Elders Grant H. Mortensen and C. Alden Gray have arrived home safely after a very enjoyable and successful trip. Both brethren wish to be remembered to all the saints and friends, for they still think of us and have an interest in our work. They write that at the present time they are as busy at home as they were in the Mission Field; their testimonies are strong and growing each day.

Has it never occurred to us, when surrounded by sorrows, that they may be sent to us only for our instruction, as we darken the cages of birds when we wish to teach them to sing. -- Richter.

Be not cast down. If you saw Him who is standing on the shore, holding out His arms to welcome you to land, ye would wade, not only through a sea of wrongs, but through hell itself to be with Him.

-- Rutherford.

"Improve your time and your time will improve you."

"RECOGNIZING THE TRUTH"

One of the greatest qualities of brilliant minds is their ability to recognize the truth. Traditions taught and superstitions inborn close the gates of the mind against truth in so many cases that generations are sometimes required to establish it. In the case of religiously inclined persons it is impossible to understand why the truth is often barred, for surely truth is divine. The Godhead is truth, truth to a certainty, and immutable, so that whenever a truth is established the human race is bound to look upon it as a divine thing and thenceforth consider false all that contradicts it.

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, world-famed physicist and discoverer of the Millikan cosmic ray, has the truth-seeking mind of a scientist, and he applies his eager quest for truth not only to science, but to religion as well. His declarations on the relation of science and religion should be a revelation to the flippant atheists who see no reason for any religious belief whatever, and comforting assurance to the orthodox followers of formal creeds who fear science is making assaults on their beliefs.

"Modern science, of the real sort," says the learned philosopher, "is slowly learning to walk humbly with its God, and in that lesson is contributing something to religion." There is a tremendous sermon in that declaration. There is nothing in the modern discoveries of science -- which are but revelations of God's truth -- that negative any of the teachings of religion worth preserving, and not a single lesson taught by the loved Teacher of Nazareth has been attacked by scientific fact or theory. Men think too much about performance of creed-ceremonies, invented by other men, and too little about interpretations of Nature, created by the Divinity. The human conception of God, which is revealed to man in himself and in Nature. Man, who cannot by taking thought of himself increase his stature by so much as an inch, certainly cannot through dis-belief of the divine truth as revealed in God's natural world improve his own soul nor draw closer to divine life.

The more one is inclined to religious life, the more one should incline to the truth, for the truth is the path from the body of man to the feet of the Almighty. Science, which is the striving of wise men to interpret God's works, has come to a greater conception of God through witnessing divine truth and is "walking humbly" with greater faith and happiness. ----- Los Angeles Times.

A common sort of enemy is the friend who does not oppose us when we do wrong.

The man who is satisfied with himself is not very well acquainted with himself.

A smooth sea never made a good sailor.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 29th 1928.

CAPE	MISC.	TRCT.	VIS INV.	VIX STS.	ATG MTG	STDY	TOTAL	HRS G.C.	NO.INV. VIS.	B.of M DIS.	PAMPH and TRACTS.
N.G.KNIGHT	76.	10	65.5	46	69	60.5	327	50	97	3	72
TRANSVAAL											
M.L.ALLRED	76.5	16	54	100	53	36	335.5	86.5	53	1	41
L.H.DUNCAN	54.5	34	48	95	58.5	48	338	78	57	3	215
W.L. EVANS	77.5	20	53	73	48	57.5	329	72	65	2	56
O.L.ALLDREDGE	49.	37.5	42	81	58.5	50.5	318.5	51	31	6	167
PORT ELIZABETH.											
R.H. BECKSTEAD.	69.5	25	79	52	51	83	359.5	60.5	108	6	265
S.R. FREE	58.5	21	76	46.5	50.5	73	325.5	59.5	109	7	333
BLOEMFONTEIN.											
F.L. SMITH	77	30	53	85.5	50.5	48	344	58	82	1	236
B.J. GLYNN	52	36.5	21	83	49.5	38	280	25.5	7		282
KIMBERLEY											
W.B. HOLLAND	49	12	59.5	88	35	54	298.5	54.5	75		197
C.W.LARSON	52	11	36.5	70	35	44.5	249			1	164
NATAL.											
O.N. BECKSTEAD	63	32	96	64	35	69	359	92	71	3	155
R.C. ELLSWORTH	62	32	91	62	35	81.5	364	97	70	4	69
EAST LONDON.											
R.E. MADSEN	65	29	86	35	45	69	329	62	54	9	261
R.W. ELLSWORTH	62	36.5	58.5	34	45	69	305	80	45	3	430
DISTRICT AVERAGE.											
CAPE	76	10	65.5	46	69	60.5	327	50	97	3	72
TRANSVAAL	64.4	25.6	49.3	87.2	54.5	48	330.3	71.9	51.5	3	120.3
PORT ELIZABETH	64	23	77.5	49.3	50.7	78	342.5	60	108.5	6.5	294
BLOEMFONTEIN	64.5	33.3	37	84.2	50	43	312	41.8	44.5	.5	259
KIMBERLEY	50.5	11.5	48	79	35	49.3	273.7	27.3	37	.5	180.5
NATAL	62.5	32	93.5	63	35	75.3	361.5	94.5	70.5	3.5	112
EAST LONDON	63.5	32.8	72.2	34.5	45	69	317	71	49.5	6.	345.5
MISSION AVERAGE.	63.6	24.3	63.3	63.3	48.4	60.5	323.4	59.5	65.5	3.3	197.5

MEETINGS HELD: CAPE 61, TRANSVAAL 69 PORT ELIZABETH 54. BLOEMFONTEIN 54. KIMBERLEY 36.
NATAL 37. EAST LONDON 43.

BAPTISMS: TRANSVAAL 4. BLOEMFONTEIN 5. CHILDREN BLESSED:- TRANSVAAL 4.

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